



LaHarpe Telephone Company Inc.

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To: Federal Communications Commission
From: LaHarpe Telephone Company, Inc. (KS)
Re: Forbearance Notification
WC Docket No. 11-42 – Lifeline and Link Up Reform and Modernization

LaHarpe Telephone Company, Inc. (LaHarpe; SAC 411791) hereby notifies the FCC that it is availing itself of forbearance relief granted by the *Lifeline Modernization Order* from the obligation to offer Lifeline-supported broadband Internet access service.¹

LaHarpe is an eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC) that receives Alternative Connect America Cost Model (A-CAM) II support in Kansas. The Company elects forbearance relief for those census blocks in its study area that are not funded under A-CAM II. The Company does not receive high-cost support for those unfunded census blocks and is not subject to broadband public interest obligations in those blocks. What follows is the information the Wireline Competition Bureau has requested in these notifications.²

1. *Carrier Name*: LaHarpe Telephone Company, Inc.
2. *ETC Designation Information*
 - a. *ETC Designation Order*: Kansas Corporation Commission; In the Matter of Establishing Guidelines for Designating Eligible Telecommunications Carriers (ETCs) by the State Commission under the Federal Communication Commission's (FCC's) Universal Service Order (FCC 97-157) specifically 47 C.F.R. subparts B and C in Compliance with the 1996 Federal Act Section 254 and Section 214(e); Docket No. 98-GIMT-24 1 – GIT; Order Granting Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Status; December 5, 1997.
 - b. *Designating Authority*: Kansas Corporation Commission

¹ *Lifeline and Link Up Reform and Modernization et al.*, WC Docket No. 11-42 et al., Third Report and Order, Further Report and Order, and Order on Reconsideration, 31 FCC Rcd 3962, 4074-75, paras. 309, 311, 312 (2016) (*Lifeline Modernization Order*).

² *Wireline Competition Bureau Provides Guidance Regarding Filing Procedures for Eligible Telecommunications Carriers Seeking to Invoke Forbearance Granted by Lifeline Modernization Order*, WC Docket No. 11-42, Public Notice, 31 FCC Rcd 12672 (2016).



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- c. *Type of Designation:* High-cost support recipient (*i.e.*, not Lifeline-only)
- d. *Date of ETC Designation:* December 5, 1997
3. *Areas Where ETC Seeks Forbearance:* The Excel file that accompanies this notification contains a list of the census blocks, in numerical order by FIPS code, where LaHarpe is availing itself of forbearance relief. The listed census blocks are all those within the Company's ETC-designated service area that are not funded under A-CAM II.
4. *Date and Reason for Change:* LaHarpe received its first A-CAM II support payment on September 30, 2019. Therefore, as of that date, the Company no longer receives high-cost support for census blocks within its designated service area that are not funded under the model and is not subject to broadband public interest obligations in those blocks.
5. *Information on Areas Where Carrier Elects to Offer Broadband:* Notwithstanding the forbearance relief LaHarpe is claiming for its census blocks that do not receive A-CAM II support, the Company still intends to offer Lifeline-supported broadband in those blocks to the extent qualifying service is available.

Please feel free to contact me at 620-496-2291 or harry.lee@laharpetel.com if you have any questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,

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